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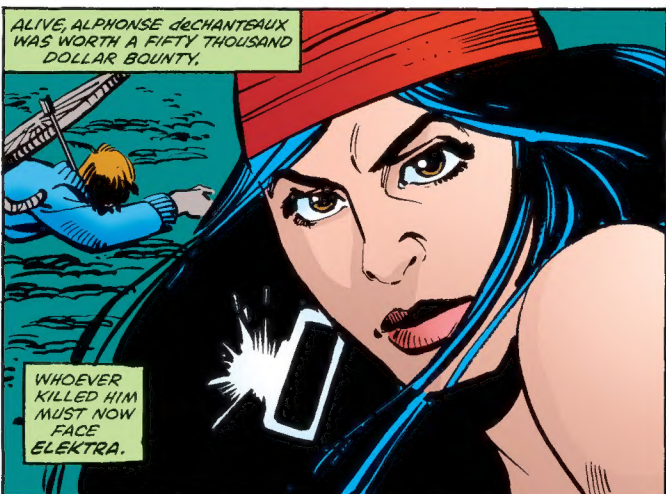
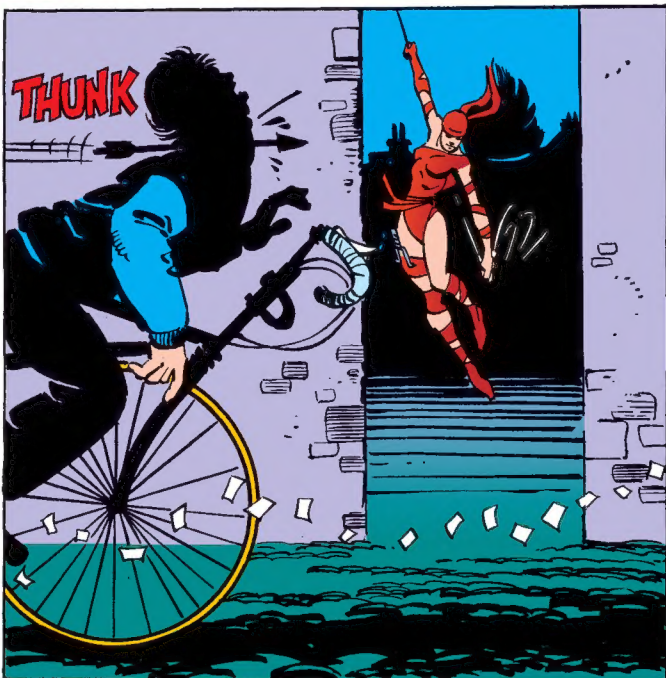
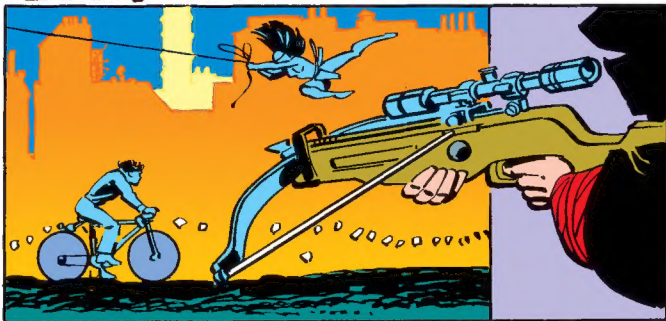
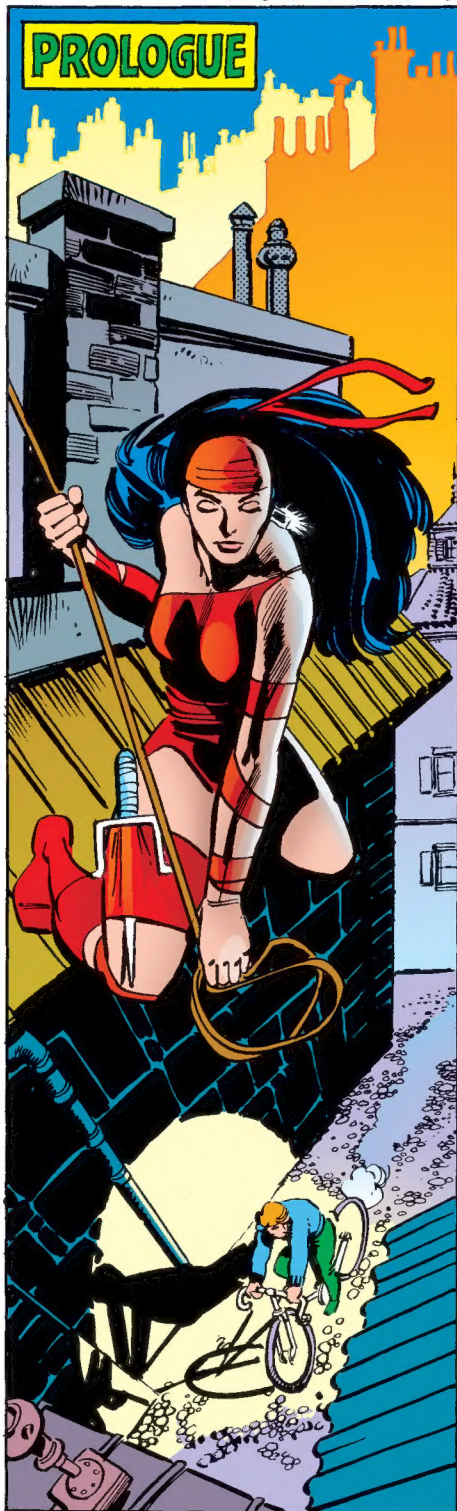
DAREDEVIL®

...ELEKTRA & THE GLADIATOR...



...FIGHTING
AN ARMY OF
ASSASSINS!

Stan Lee
PRESENTS: **DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!**™



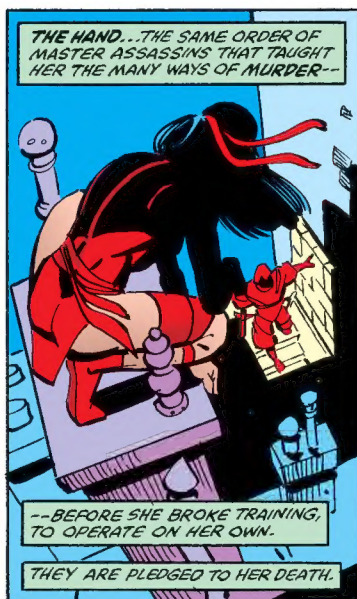


THE RUTHLESS BOUNTY HUNTER
UNSHEATHS HER WEAPONS--
HER SAI--AND PREPARES
TO GIVE CHASE.

THEN SHE RECOGNIZES HER
QUARRY AS A NINJA--AND
HER BLOOD RUNS COLD.



A CLOSER LOOK CON-
FIRMS HER SUSPICION.
HE IS ONE OF THE
HAND.



THE HAND...THE SAME ORDER OF
MASTER ASSASSINS THAT TAUGHT
HER THE MANY WAYS OF MURDER--

--BEFORE SHE BROKE TRAINING,
TO OPERATE ON HER OWN.

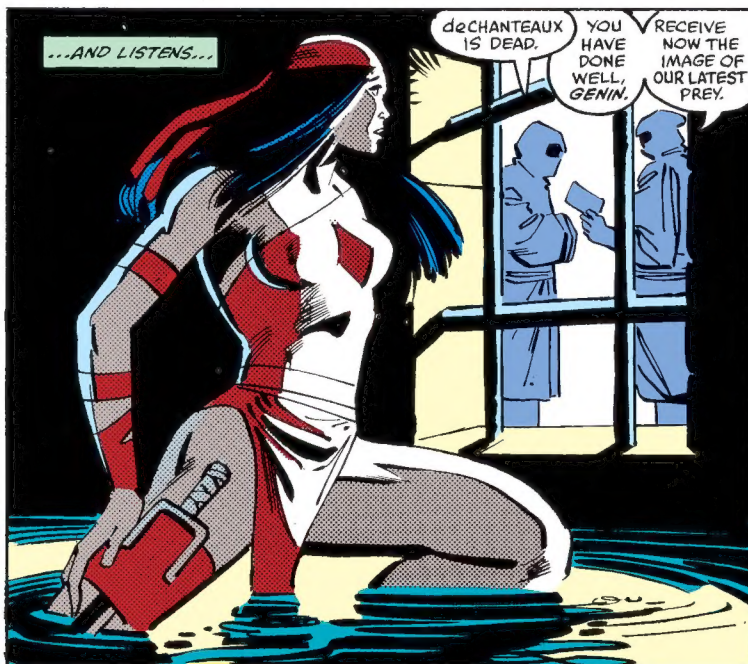
THEY ARE PLEDGED TO HER DEATH.



BUT WHAT ARE THEY DOING HERE, IN
PARIS, THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM
THEIR TERRITORY?

SHE SHOULD NOT WONDER.
SHE SHOULD TURN AND RUN.
SHE SHOULD FLEE THIS
CITY, AND NEVER RETURN.

YET, SHE FOLLOWS...



...AND LISTENS...

deCHANTEAUX
IS DEAD.

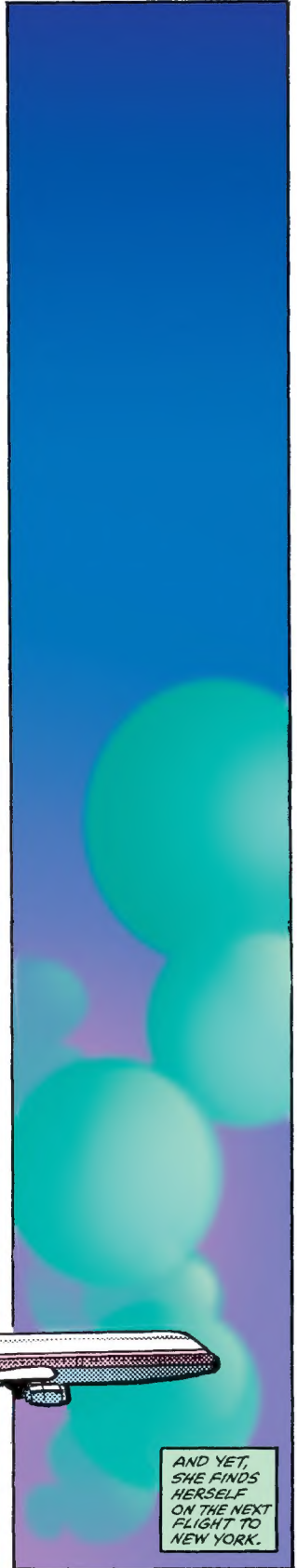
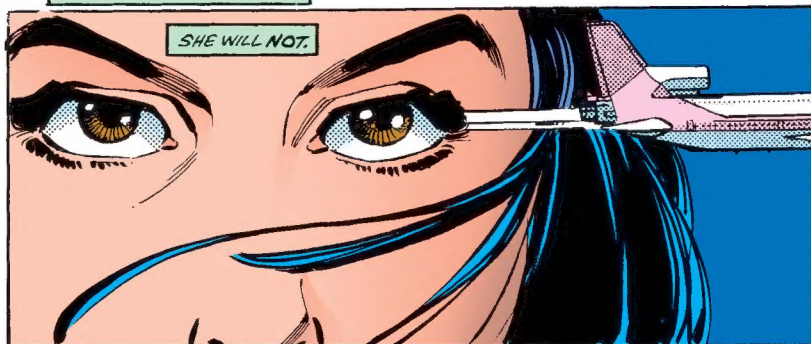
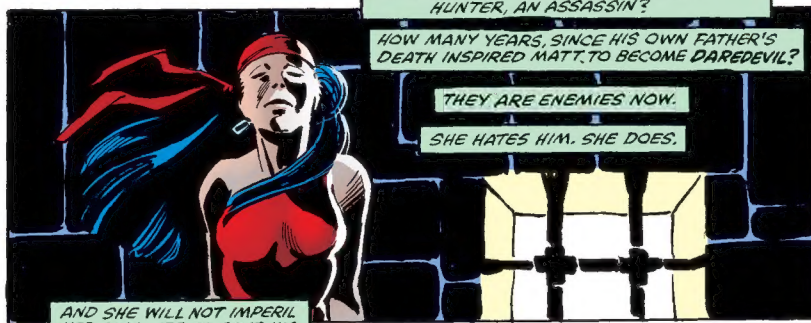
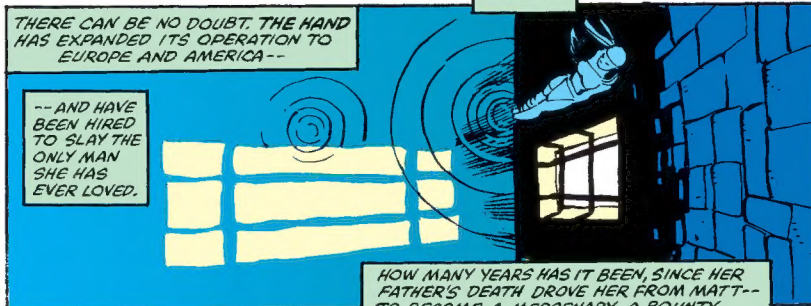
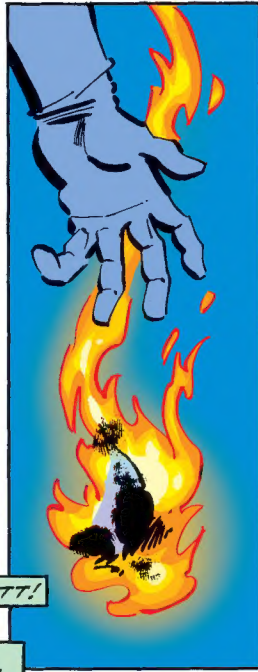
YOU
HAVE
DONE
WELL,
GENIN.

RECEIVE
NOW THE
IMAGE OF
OUR LATEST
PREY.



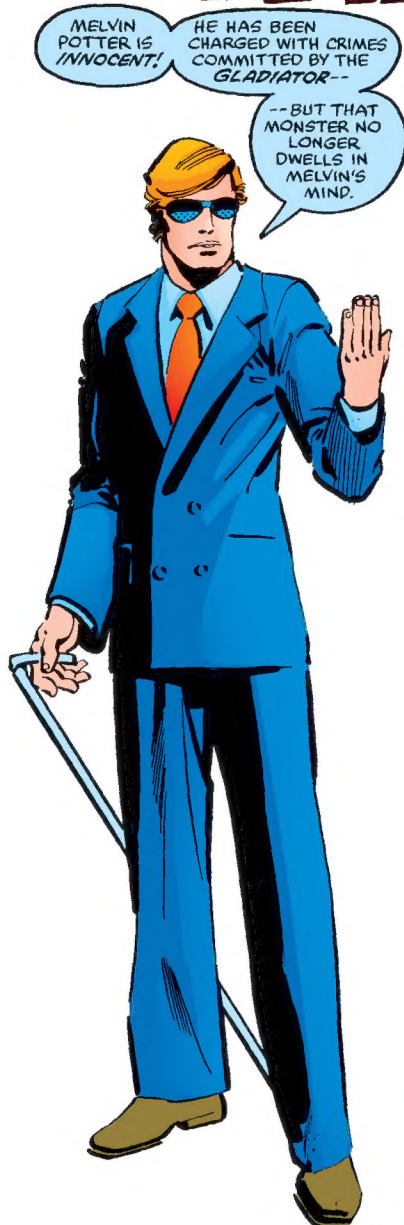
HE IS AN
AMERICAN.

A LAWYER...



THE ASSASSINATION OF MATT MURDOCK

MILLER
STORY & ART
JANSON
FINISHED ART
WEIN AND JANSON
COLORS
ROSEN
LETTERS
O'NEIL
EDITOR
SHOOTER
ED.-IN-CHIEF



MELVIN
POTTER IS
INNOCENT!

HE HAS BEEN
CHARGED WITH CRIMES
COMMITTED BY THE
GLADIATOR--

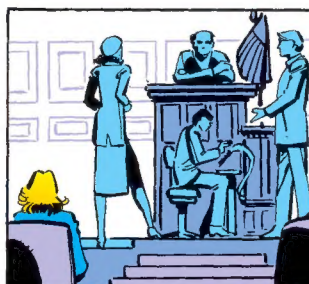
--BUT THAT
MONSTER NO
LONGER
DWELLS IN
MELVIN'S
MIND.



THE DEFENSE REQUESTS A DELAY IN THESE
PROCEEDINGS, SO THAT WE MAY SECURE
CERTAIN WITNESSES WHO WILL PROVE--

YOUR HONOR, THIS
IS THE THIRD SUCH
DELAY THAT MR. MUR-
DOCK HAS REQUESTED.

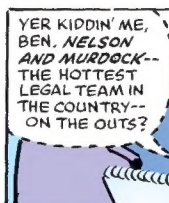
SURELY, HE HAS EX-
HAUSTED THE PATIENCE
OF THIS COURT.



HEY-- WHAT'S WITH MURDOCK?

THE PROSECUTION
IS EATING HIM
ALIVE!

YOU DON'T SEE
HIS PARTNER UP
THERE, DO YOU?
WORD IS THEY'RE KAPUT.



YER KIDDIN' ME,
BEN. NELSON
AND MURDOCK--
THE HOTTEST
LEGAL TEAM IN
THE COUNTRY--
ON THE OUTS?

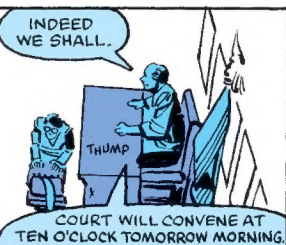
THAT'S WHAT
I HEAR.

SHHHH!



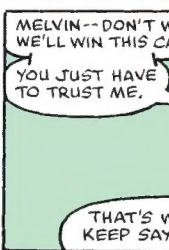
THE PROSECUTION IS READY
TO PROCEED, YOUR HONOR.

SHALL WE?



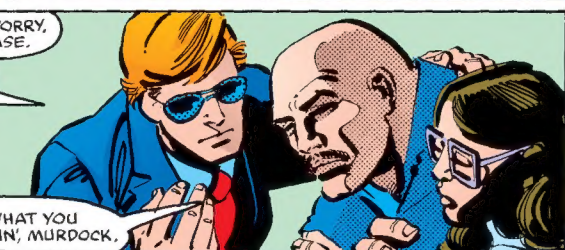
INDEED
WE SHALL..

COURT WILL CONVENE AT
TEN O'CLOCK TOMORROW MORNING.

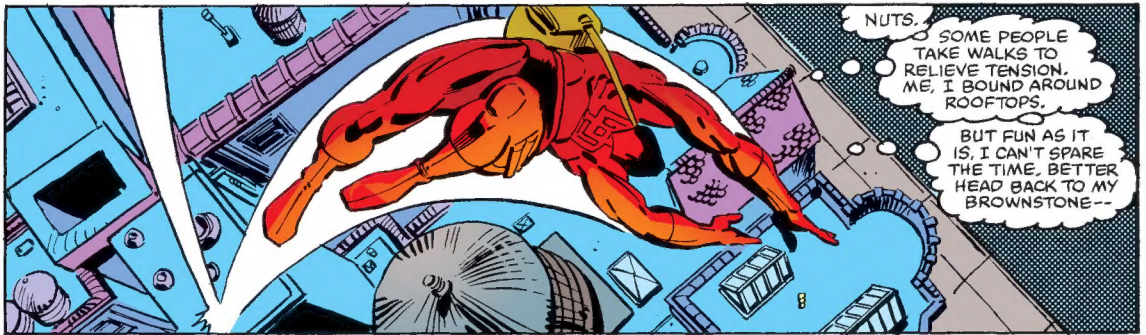
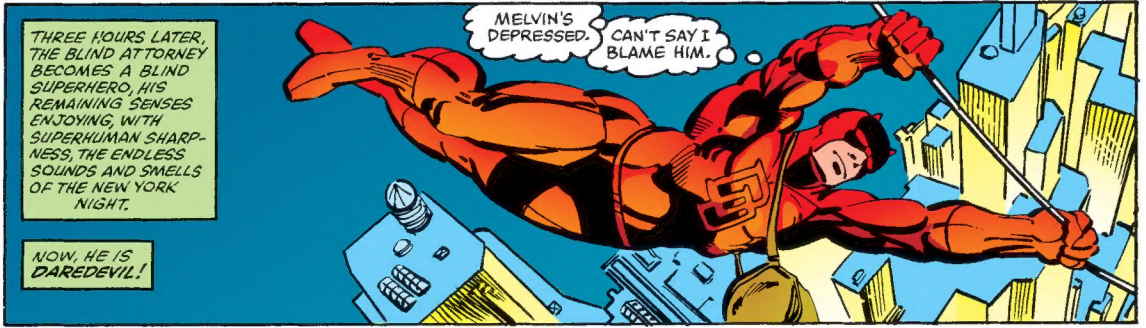


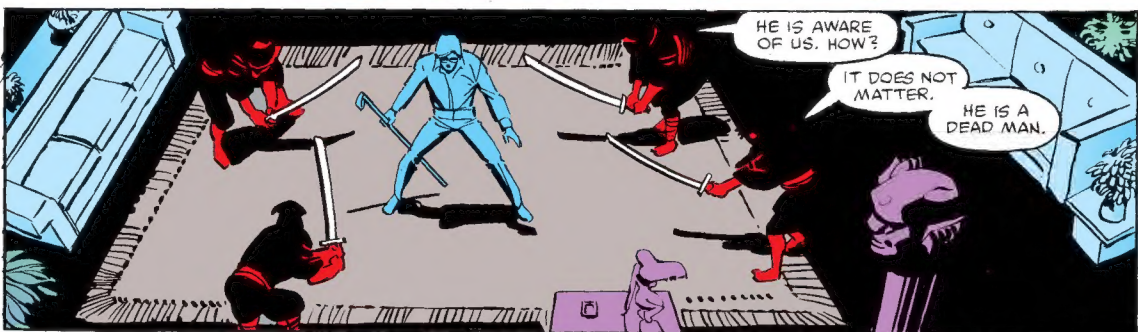
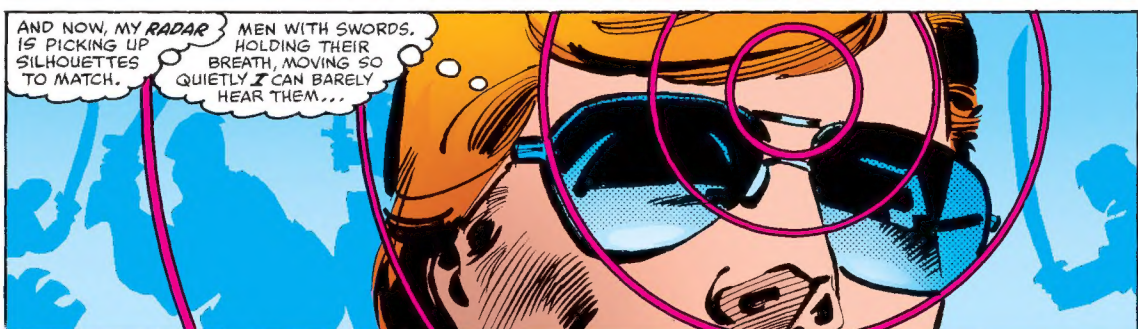
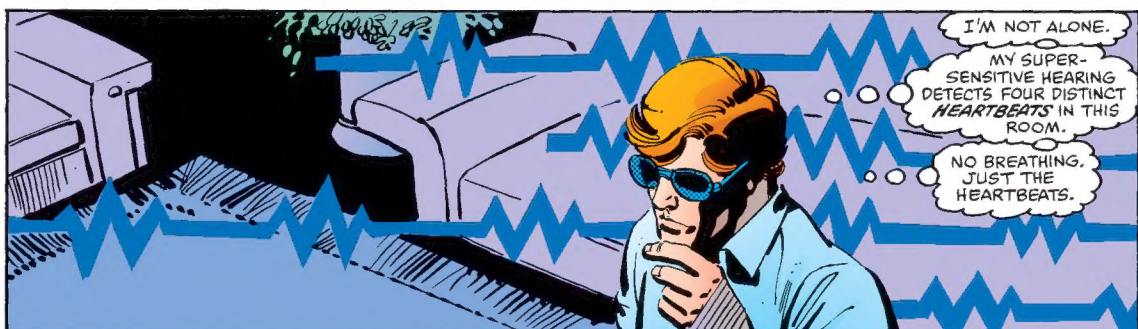
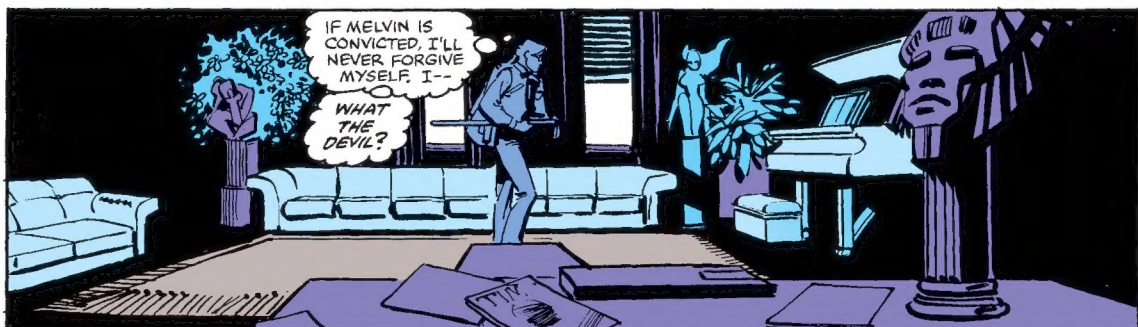
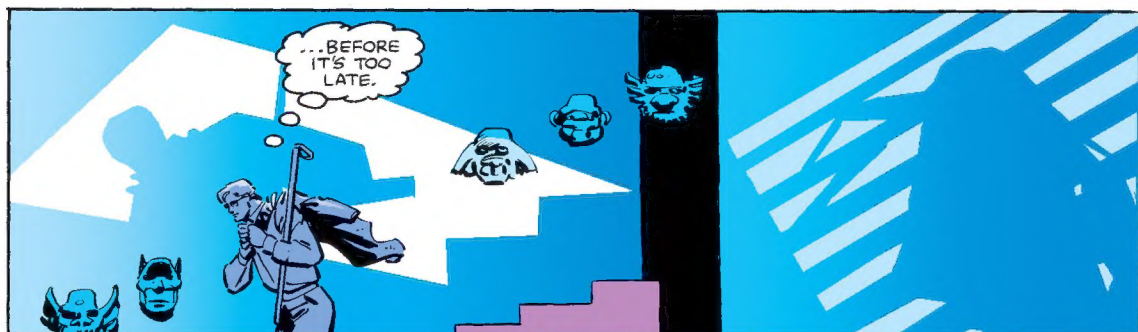
MELVIN-- DON'T WORRY,
WE'LL WIN THIS CASE.

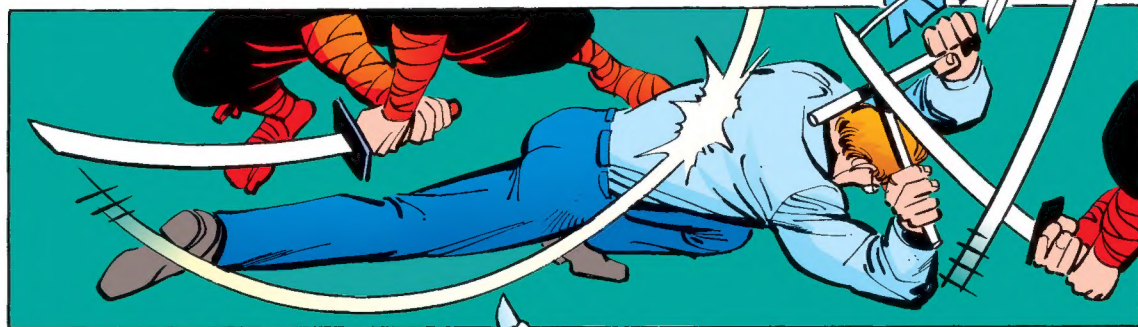
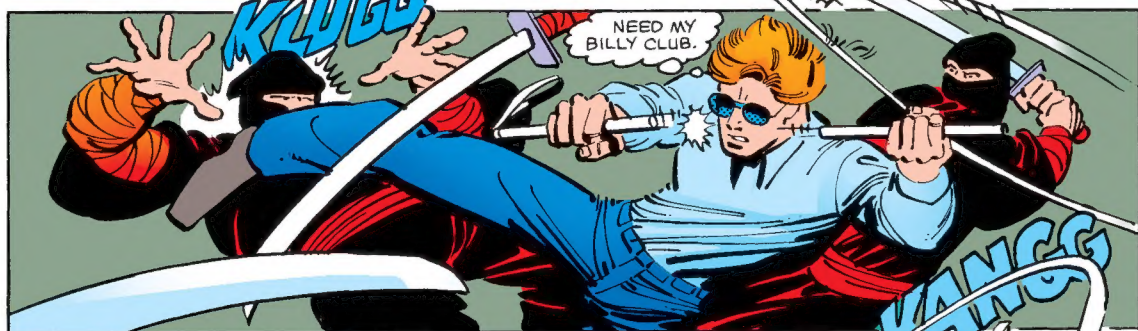
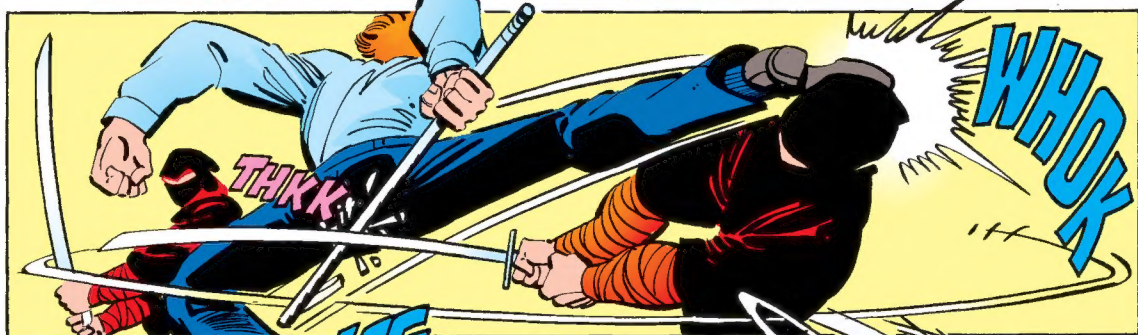
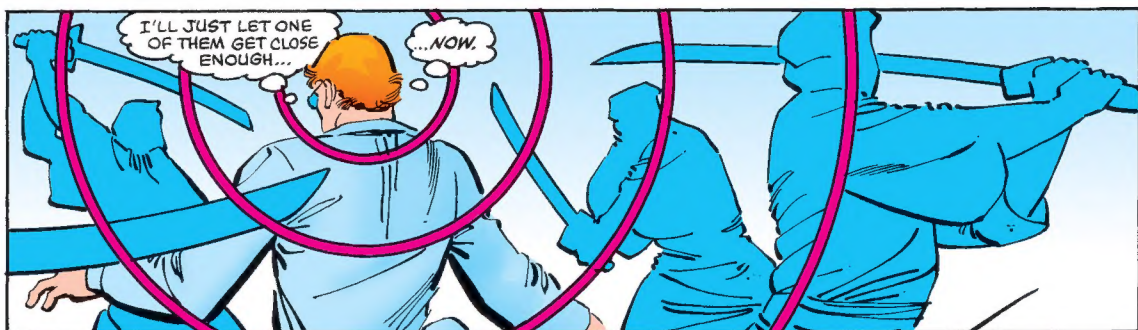
YOU JUST HAVE
TO TRUST ME.

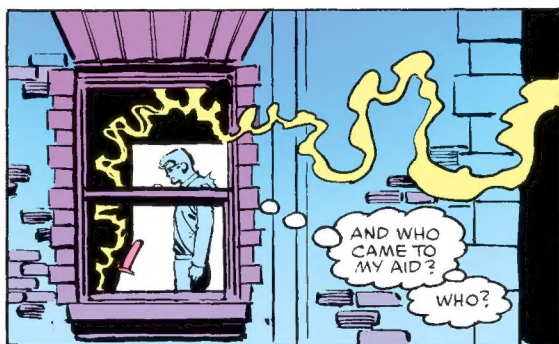
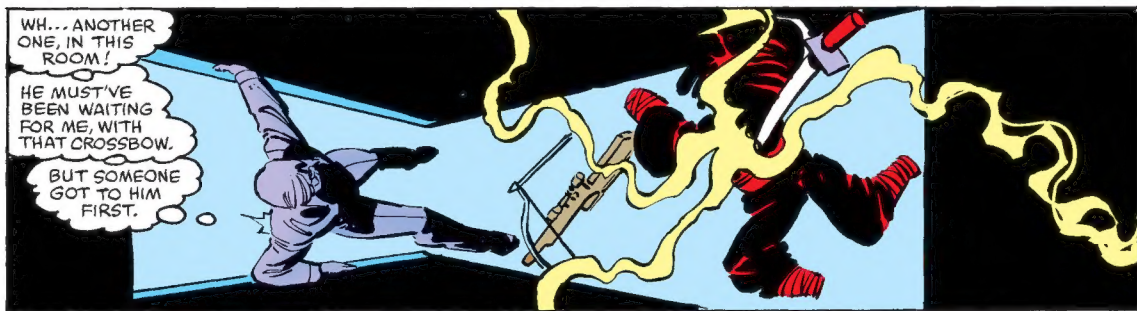
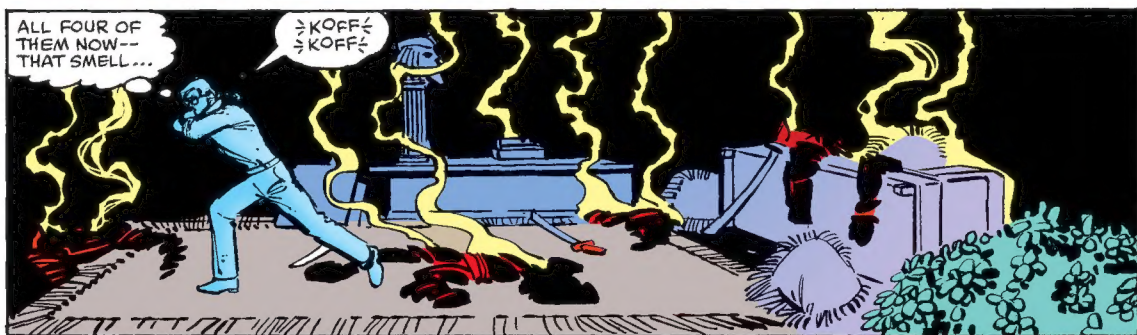


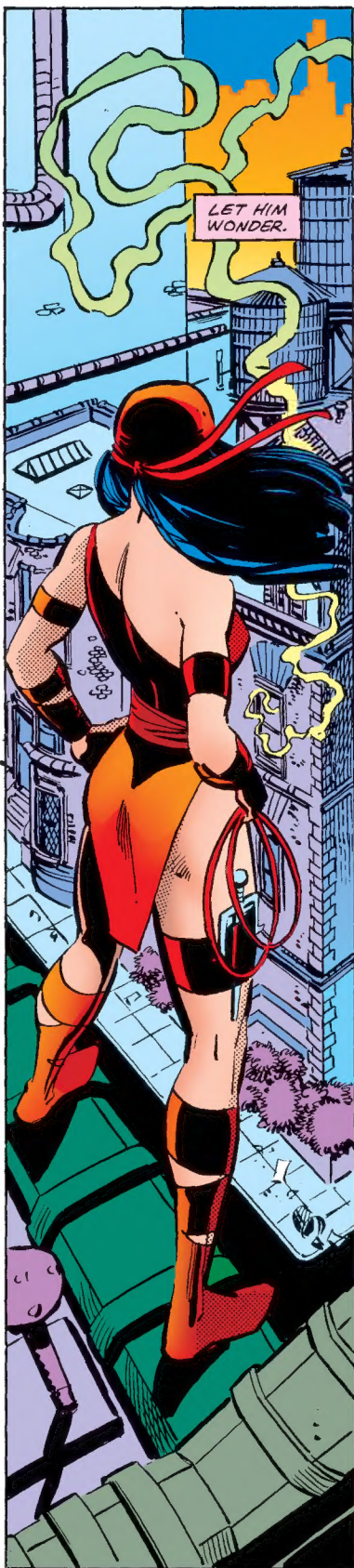
THAT'S WHAT YOU
KEEP SAYIN', MURDOCK.







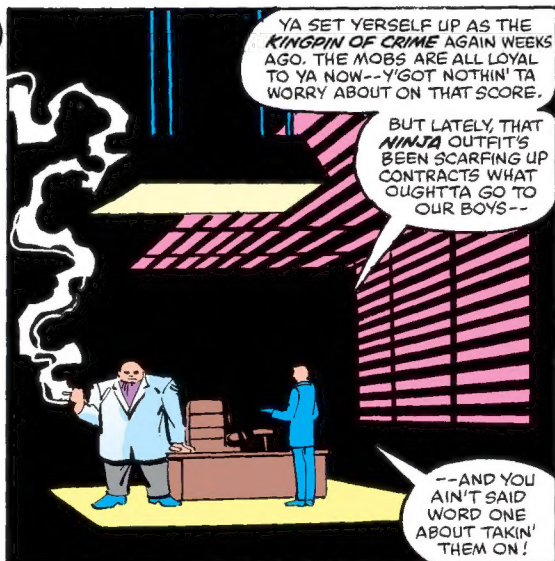




LET HIM WONDER.

BOSS, IT AIN'T LIKE I'M QUESTIONIN' YA.

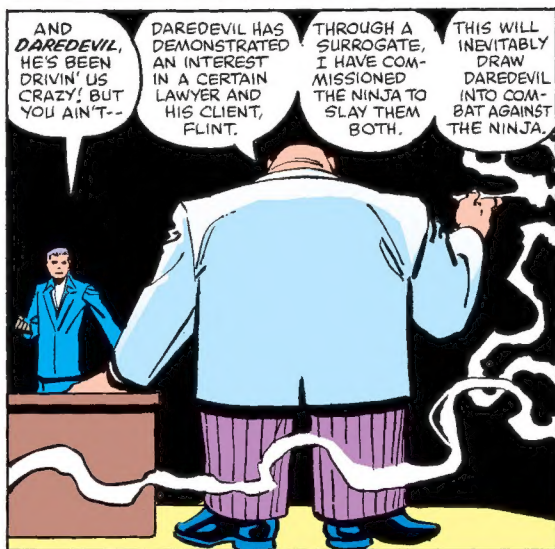
I'M JUST CURIOUS, OKAY?



YA SET YERSELF UP AS THE *KINGPIN OF CRIME* AGAIN WEEKS AGO. THE MOBS ARE ALL LOYAL TO YA NOW--Y'GOT NOTHIN' TA WORRY ABOUT ON THAT SCORE.

BUT LATELY, THAT *NINJA* OUTFIT'S BEEN SCARFING UP CONTRACTS WHAT OUGHTTA GO TO OUR BOYS--

--AND YOU AIN'T SAID WORD ONE ABOUT TAKIN' THEM ON!



AND *DAREDEVIL*, HE'S BEEN DRIVIN' US CRAZY! BUT YOU AIN'T--

DAREDEVIL HAS DEMONSTRATED AN INTEREST IN A CERTAIN LAWYER AND HIS CLIENT, FLINT.

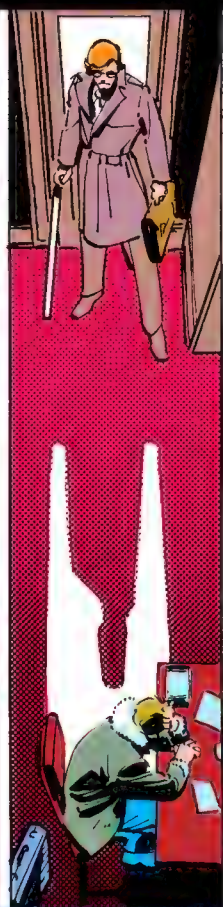
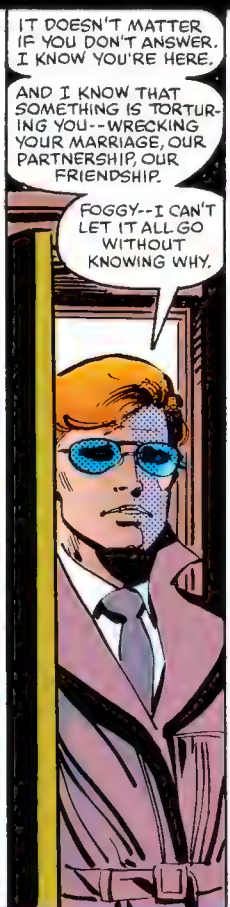
THROUGH A SURROGATE, I HAVE COMMISSIONED THE NINJA TO SLAY THEM BOTH.

THIS WILL INEVITABLY DRAW DAREDEVIL INTO COMBAT AGAINST THE NINJA.



THAT IS THE SECRET TO POWER, FLINT. TO PIT YOUR ENEMIES ONE AGAINST THE OTHER--

--REMAINING, ALL THE WHILE, UNTOUCHED.





MATT, WE HAVEN'T HAD A CASE THAT PAYS ANY KIND OF MONEY IN OVER A YEAR. THESE WELFARE CASES, THEY JUST WON'T PAY THE BILLS.

AND THE FUNDING WE NEED TO MAINTAIN THIS STOREFRONT, IT'S GONE. OUR GOVERNMENT GRANT WAS CUT--JUST LIKE THAT--AND I COULDN'T GET ANYONE TO SPONSOR US, NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRIED.

IT WAS UP TO ME TO KEEP THIS DREAM OF OURS ALIVE--AND I BLEW IT.

I'M A FAILURE... A STUPID ROLYPOLY TEDDY BEAR... I'VE LET YOU CARRY ME, EVER SINCE COLLEGE...

...AND NOW I'VE LOST THE STOREFRONT.

I COULDN'T EVEN--

DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT, FOGGY?

YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN ME IN COURT TODAY. THE POTTER CASE IS GOING TO PIECES WITHOUT YOU.

YOU'RE MORE THAN A PARTNER TO ME. MORE THAN A FRIEND.

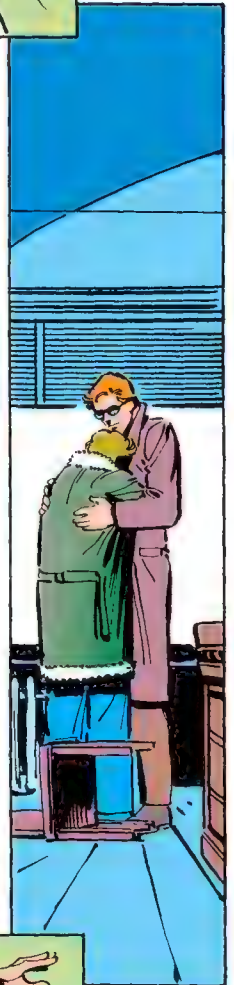
I NEED YOU.

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FOR A TIME, HE FLOATS IN A VOID THAT IS AS DARK AND AS SILENT AS DEATH.

THEN, HE FEELS STARCHED
COTTON FIBER RUSTLE
LIGHTLY AGAINST HIS LEGS...

...HE SMELLS THE SHARP
AMMONIA-LADEN ANTISEPTIC
OF A HOSPITAL, ODDLY MIXED
WITH A DELICATE PERFUME...

...HE HEARS
A VOICE, SOFT
AND MELODIC:

YOU
HAD US
WORRIED,
LOVER.

HE WAKES. BUT THE DARKNESS NEVER LEAVES.





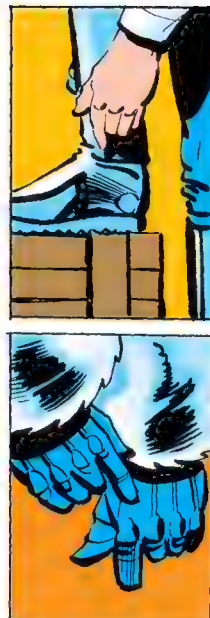
YOUR MODESTY IS POORLY TIMED.

PUT IT ON, OR YOU WILL DIE IN THE NEXT FIVE MINUTES.

BUT I PROMISED... I BEEN WORKING SO HARD, NOT TO BE THE GLADIATOR... I MEAN...



YEAH. OKAY.



NOW WHAT DO WE DO?

WE TRY TO GET OUT OF HERE, BEFORE IT IS--

--TOO LATE.

BE CAREFUL. LET THEM COME TO YOU.

THERE'S SO MANY OF THEM...



OUTSIDE... PADDED FOOTSTEPS, DOZENS OF THEM. THEY MUST BE SWARMING THE PLACE!

I SHOULDN'T HAVE COME. WITHOUT MY RADAR, I HAVEN'T MUCH OF A CHANCE AGAINST THAT MANY OF THEM.



BUT MELVIN DOESN'T HAVE ANY CHANCE, WITHOUT MY HELP.

HE'S FINALLY PURGED HIMSELF OF THE GLADIATOR-- FINALLY DESTROYED HIS KILLER INSTINCTS--

-- JUST WHEN HE NEEDS THEM MOST!



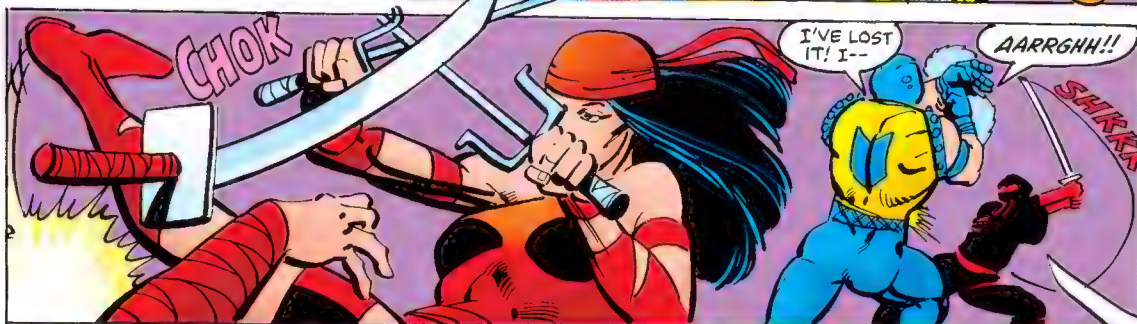
COVER MY BACK, POTTER. I CANNOT DEFEAT THEM ALONE. POTTER?

WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?

FIGHT BACK!



I-- I CAN'T!



I'VE LOST IT! I--

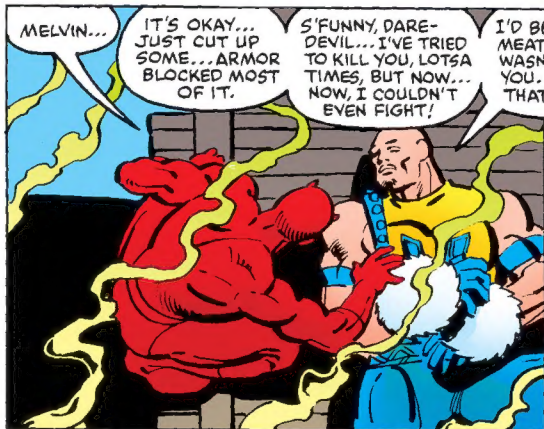
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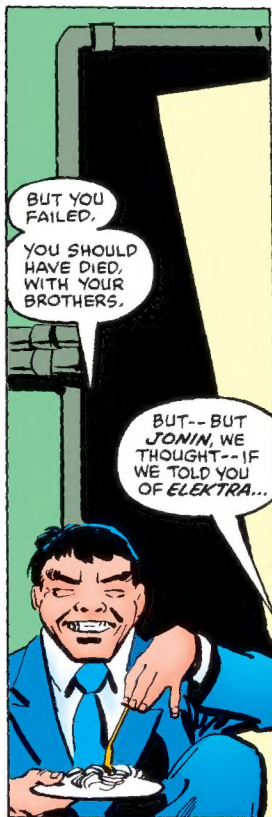
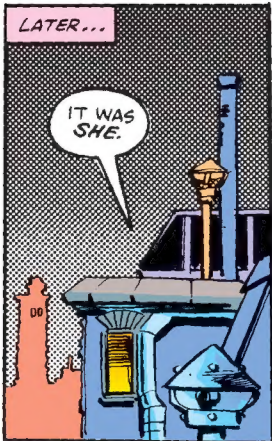


AS YOU SAID, WOMAN. YOU CANNOT DEFEAT US ALONE.

EH? THOSE CRATES--







WAAAAH SAKK



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